GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

I&I Department - Public Services – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe, against Capt.B.Adinarayana, Port Officer (now under Suspension) - Suspension reviewed – Reinstatement into service – Orders – Issued.

INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENTS (PORTS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.53 **Dated: 07.08.2023**

Read the following:

Ref:-1) From the DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range, Radio Message, Cr.No.04/RC T - RJY /2020, dated. 07.02.2020

2) Letter No. Lr.Rc.No.17/RCT-REG/2020, dated 16.03.2021 From the Director General, ACB, Vijayawada.

3) GO Rt.No.35,I&I (Ports) Dept., dated 05.07.2021.

4) Letter No. Rc.No.17/RCT-REG/2020 dated 30.11.2022 of DG, ACB

5) Hon'ble APHC orders dated 18.04.2023 in WP No.14438/2021.

6) Minutes of the Meeting held on 04.05.2023 with the ACB officials to review the suspension cases of Accused Officers related to ACB cases

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O R D E R:

Whereas, the DG, ACB in his letter has informed that Accused Officer-I (AO-1) Sri Dangeti Venkata Rao, S/o Late Suranna, 58 years, Port Conservator for Registration, O/o Port Office, A.P. Maritime Board Camp Office, Kakinada was trapped on 06-02-2020 at about 17.40 hrs at the rear side of the Port Administrative Building, O/o Port Officer, A.P. Maritime Board Camp Office when he further demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.60,000/- for himself and his superior officer i.e., Port Officer Sri B. Adi Narayana { Accused Officer -2 (AO-2) } from the complainant Sri Nayanala Venkata Raksha Gandhi, 48 years, R/o Kakinada, East Godavari district for doing an official favour i.e., to 'process the file pertaining to registration of his Barge "Sunny Glory" and to issue registration certificate duly signed by the Port Officer. Later A.O.1 was sent to Hon'ble Court for Judicial custody.

2. During the course of investigation, certain facts came to the notice about the role of Port Officer Sri B. Adi Narayana (Accused Officer -2 (AO-2)) to in this case and also he has been intentionally avoiding and not cooperating with the investigating officer. The investigation so far conducted clearly established the involvement of Sri B. Adi Narayana, the then Port Officer, A.P., Maritime Board, Kakinada (A.O-2) now working as Special Officer, Bhavanapadu Port Project, Srikakulam for the offence punishable U/s. 7 (a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 and the DG, ACB has recommended to place Sri B. Adi Narayana, the then Port Officer, A.P., Maritime Board, Kakinada (A.O-2) under suspension as per rule 8 (c) of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control, Appeal) Rules 1991.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Government have placed Capt.B. Adinarayana, Port Officer, working as Special Officer, Bhavanapadu Port Project, Srikakulam under suspension.

4. In the reference 5th read above, Capt.B. Adinarayana, Port Officer (under suspension) have filed WP No.14438 of 2021 in Hon'ble APHC against the orders issued in the reference 3rd read above and Hon'ble APHC vide its orders dt.18.04.2023 have disposed the WP and directed the respondents as follows:

> "Accordingly, the Writ Petition is allowed and the order of suspension of the petitioner issued by the 1st petitioner vide GO Rt.No.35, dated 05.07.2021 and the consequential memo dated 30.10.2022 issued by the respondents are hereby by set aside. The respondents are directed to reinstate the petitioner into service within a period of four weeks from the dated of receipt of a copy of this order. No order as to costs.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the Committee on review of the suspension cases related to Anti Corruption Bureau Cases has recommended to reinstate the Accused Officer Capt.B. Adinarayana, the then Port Officer, APMB, Kakinada into service and posted to non-focal post.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to reinstate the Accused Officer Capt.B. Adinarayana, the then Port Officer, APMB, Kakinada into service and post him in a far off and in a non-focal post, without prejudice to the ACB Case/ Disciplinary Case pending against him.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to reinstate the Accused Officer Capt.B.Adinarayana, the then Port Officer, APMB, Kakinada into service and post him in a far off and in a non-focal post, without prejudice to the ACB Case/ Disciplinary Case pending against him.

8. The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly and intimate the action taken to the Government.

9. The receipt of the G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N.YUVARAJ
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB)
Capt.B. Adinarayana, the then Port Officer, APMB, Kakinada through CEO, APMB.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat
The PS to Hon'ble M(I&I) Dept.,
The Deputy registrar, High Court of AP, Amaravati, Nelapadu, Guntur District,
(With reference to the Hon'ble APHC WP. No. 14438/2021)
The Govt. Pleader for I&I Department.
The PS to Spl.C.S., I&I Department.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

B. Venkatesan
SECTION OFFICER